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The settlement as proposed should be accepted by both parties. True, MS is a tough and ruthless competitor. That will force anyone attempting to break their dominant position to develop a new software or computing method that will be a significant improvement in order to impress the using public. The "market" is a rough and tumble setting, the higher the reward the greater the energy and risk taking and the more likely chance of really better, as opposed to merely different, products that will benefit the using community.

There are times when the MS programs drive me crazy with their uncorrected programming errors, syntax mistakes and just sloppy lines of code. But I trust the competitive market more than a government agency to bring me relief. Also, in my opinion the former lawyers in the anti trust division gave too much credence to the complainers(Netscape etc.) who perhaps influenced this entire affair thru their campaign contributions and their political allies. It has been sordid from the start, so let's get it put to bed.

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